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PART FOUR: DUPLICITY

HA  
HAHA  
HAHA  
HA!

IT LOOKS LIKE THE ROBOT MASTERS AREN'T OUR FRIENDS ANY-MORE, MEGA MAN.

WHAT'S GOING ON, GUYS?! WHY ARE YOU TURNING ON US NOW?!

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VERY  
ASTUTE OF  
YOU! AGENT  
KRANTZ, WAS  
IT?

THE ROBOT MASTERS  
ARE UNDER MY CONTROL  
ONCE AGAIN!



THANKS IN PART TO THE  
EFFORTS OF THESE TWO!  
WITH MY GENIUS, THESE  
LEFT-OVER ROBOT  
MASTERS WERE COM-  
PLETED...AND THEY  
TURNED THE TIDE BACK  
IN MY FAVOR!



YOU FOOLS  
FELL FOR MY LITTLE  
KIDNAPPING SCHEME,  
JUST AS I PLANNED!  
TAKE A BOW, ROLL!  
YOU PLAYED YOUR  
PART PERFECTLY!

I'M SORRY!  
OIL MAN  
AMBUSHED  
ME!



WHY NOT  
SURRENDER NOW  
AND SAVE YOUR-  
SELF FROM THE  
SCRAP HEAP,  
ROCK?

THAT'S  
"MEGA MAN"  
TO YOU,  
DOCTOR!  
AND I'LL  
NEVER GIVE  
UP!



I HAVE A PLAN, AGENT KRANTZ.

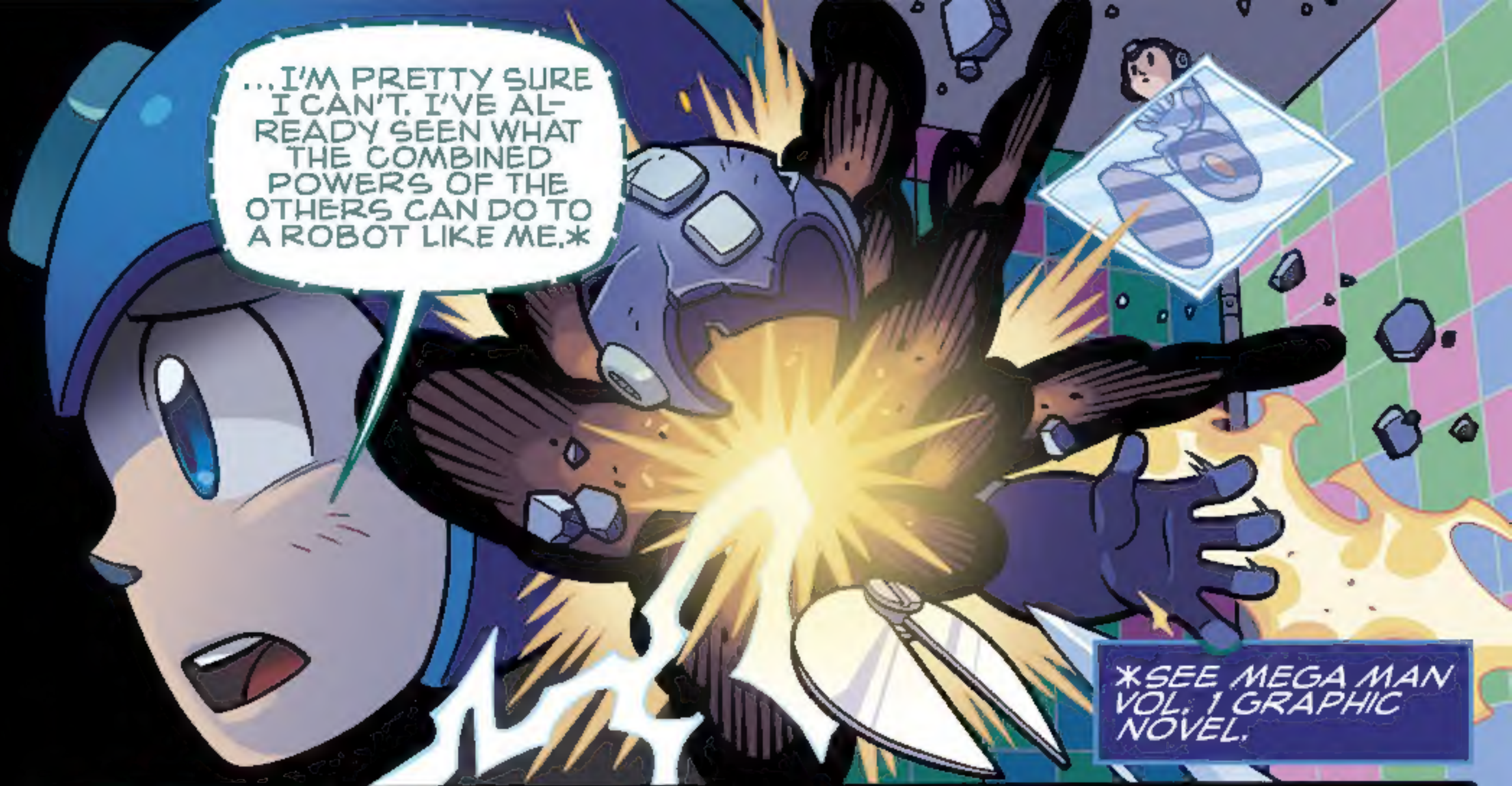
I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.

I COPIED THE SIX ROBOT MASTERS' ABILITIES ON THE WAY HERE. WITH THAT MUCH POWER, I CAN DISTRACT THEM ALL LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO RESCUE MY SISTER.

I DON'T LIKE THOSE ODDS. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE ALL OF THEM AT ONCE?

ACTUALLY...





... I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN'T. I'VE ALREADY SEEN WHAT THE COMBINED POWERS OF THE OTHERS CAN DO TO A ROBOT LIKE ME.\*

\*SEE MEGA MAN VOL. 1 GRAPHIC NOVEL.



BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN ACTUALLY FIGHT THEM RIGHT NOW, SO, PLEASE... SAVE MY SISTER FOR ME.

TIME'S WASTING. CAN WE FINISH THEM OFF NOW?



THEY HAD THEIR CHANCE TO BEG FOR MERCY! DESTROY THEM!



YOU'RE ONE BRAVE LITTLE ROBOT.

I'LL GET ROLL TO SAFETY AND MAKE SURE DOCTOR LIGHT IS CLEARED OF ANY WRONG-DOING.

THANK YOU, AGENT KRANTZ.

PLEASE, CALL ME ROSIE. ON YOUR MARK.



**NOW!**



PRETTY SLICK TRICK...



...BUT AIN'T NOBODY SLICK AS ME, BABY.



**AUGH!**





WE'LL SEE HOW SLICK YOU ARE...



...WHEN I BURN OFF ALL YOUR --<!



⇒WHEW!< NICE SAVE! WE OUGHT TO CALL YOU DRAMATIC TIMING MAN.

HMPH. I CAN ONLY RECHARGE MY TIME STOP POWER SO FAST.



TIME'S UP, MEGA MAN.



**BLAM!**

IMPOSSIBLE!

FORGOTTEN WHAT MY STATIC FIELD DOES TO YOUR POWERS ALREADY?

AND I'LL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR THE REST OF THE FIGHT, NOW THEN--GUTS MAN?

**HA!**

YEAH! THAT'S WHAT I CALL "PUNCHING THE CLOCK!"

WHAT?

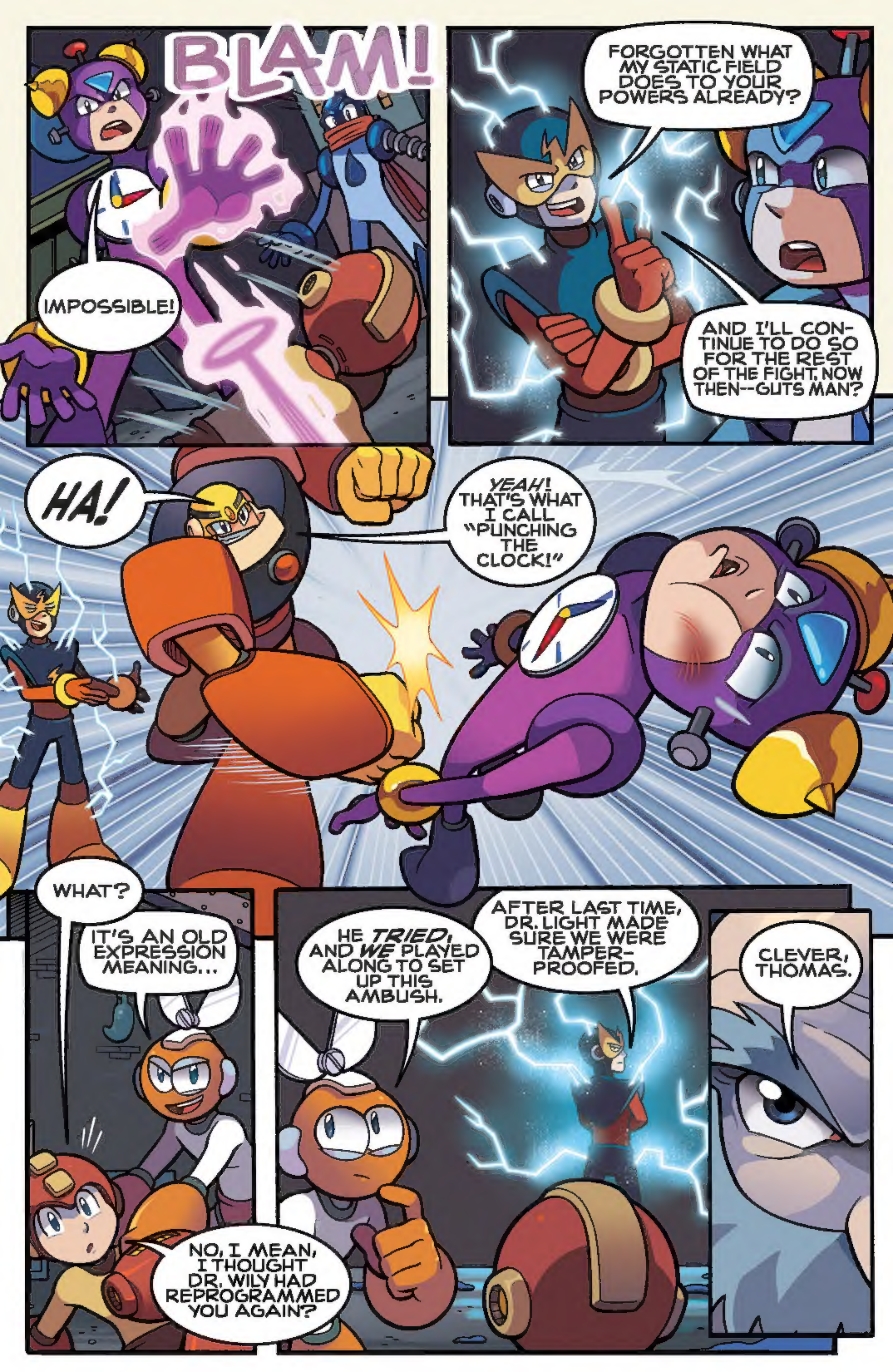
IT'S AN OLD EXPRESSION MEANING...

HE *TRIED*, AND *WE* PLAYED ALONG TO SET UP THIS AMBUSH.

AFTER LAST TIME, DR. LIGHT MADE SURE WE WERE TAMPER-PROOFED.

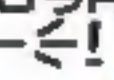
CLEVER, THOMAS.

NO, I MEAN, I THOUGHT DR. WILY HAD REPROGRAMMED YOU AGAIN?





YOU LITTLE  
COWARD! YOU CAN'T  
FACE YOUR FOE  
WITHOUT MAKING  
THEM PRONE FIRST!

I'LL  
CRUSH  
Y--!

IT'S CALLED BEING  
PRAGMATIC, OAF!  
I CAN STILL FREEZE  
YOU AT SHORT  
RANGE.

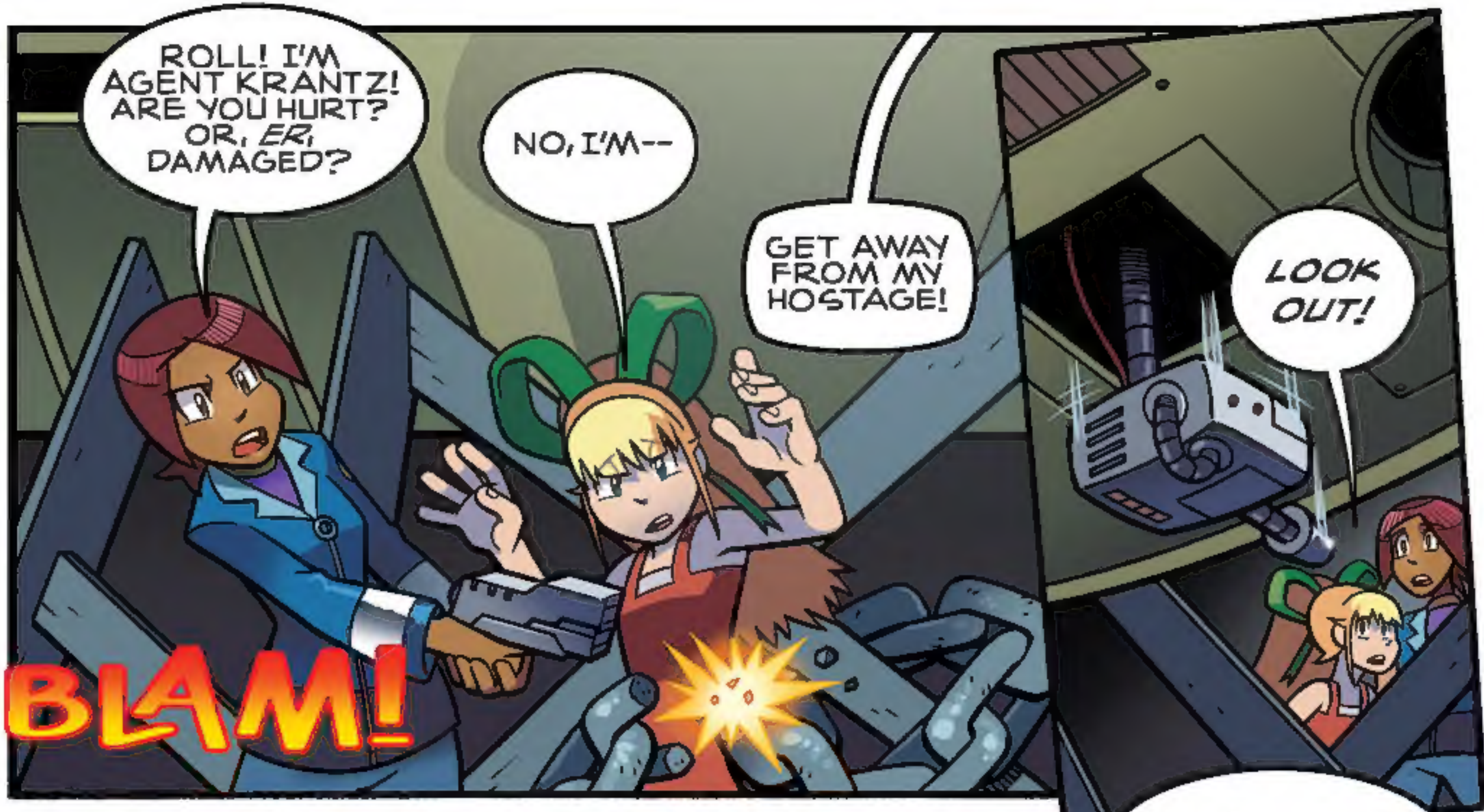
SORRY, I'M  
GOING TO  
HAVE TO  
*CUT*  
YOU  
SHORT!

YOU'RE  
NOT  
FUNNY!

WORD. THIS  
AIN'T FUNNY  
AT ALL!







ROLLI I'M AGENT KRANTZ! ARE YOU HURT? OR, ER, DAMAGED?

NO, I'M--

GET AWAY FROM MY HOSTAGE!

LOOK OUT!

**BLAM!**



AAAAH!

I'VE GOT YOU!

ZAP  
ZAP  
ZAP  
ZAP



ZAP  
ZAP  
ZAP

**BLAM!**  
**KA-BOOM!**

NO!

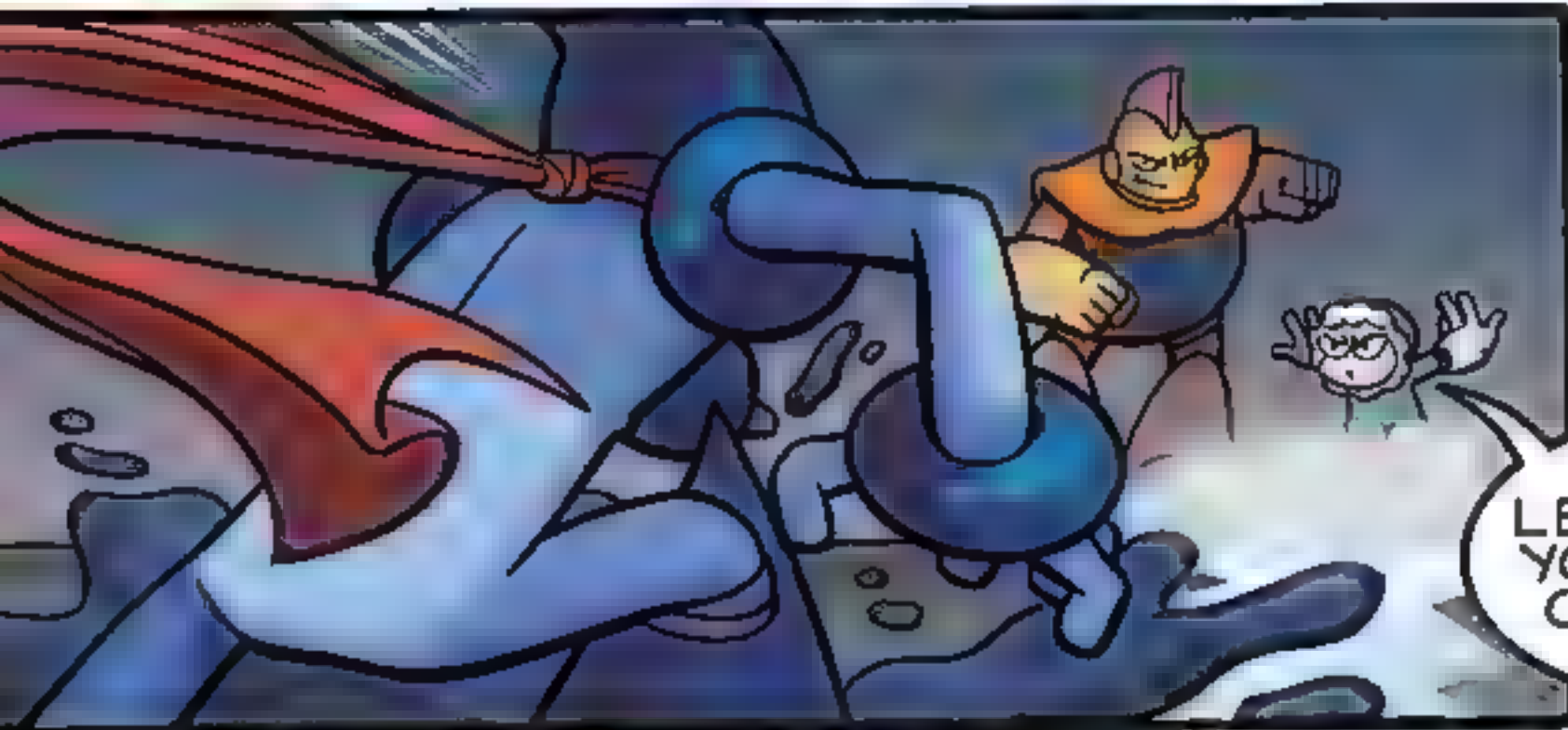




LET'S SEE YOU MAKE YOUR STUPID PLANS NOW!



LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK. I TOLD YOU I'D KEEP YOU IN CHECK.



LET'S SEE YOU SURF ON THIS!



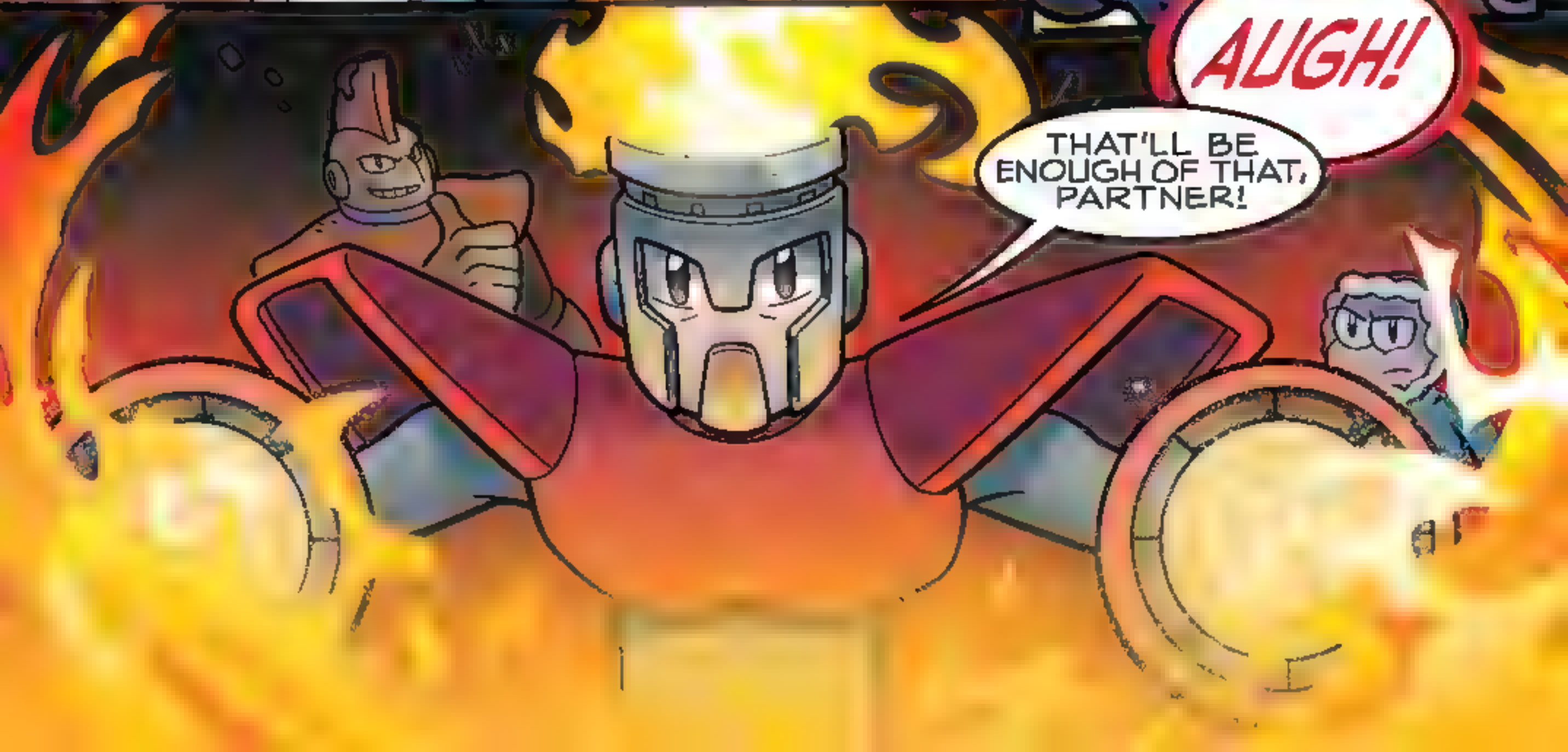
SURE!



WATCH!

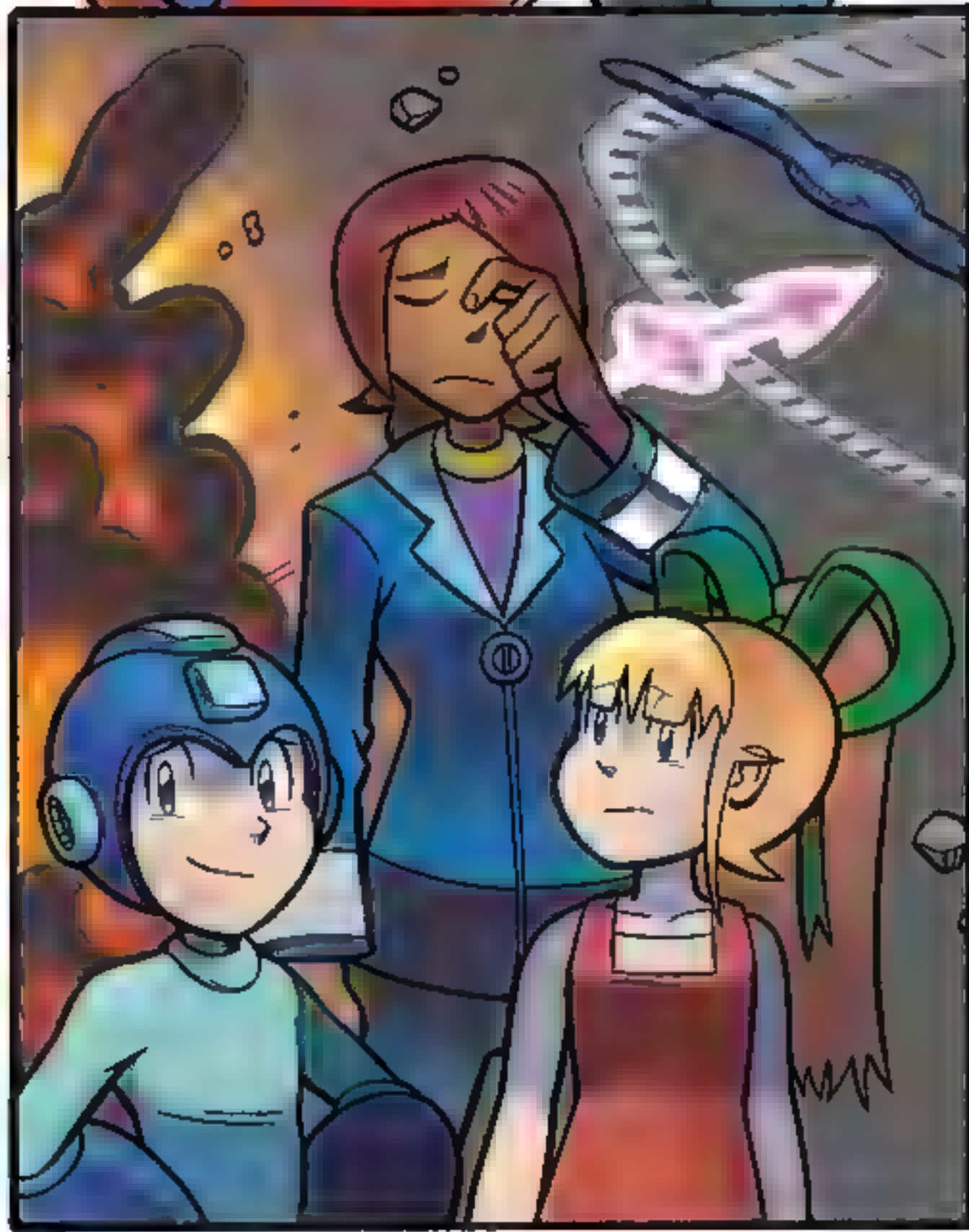
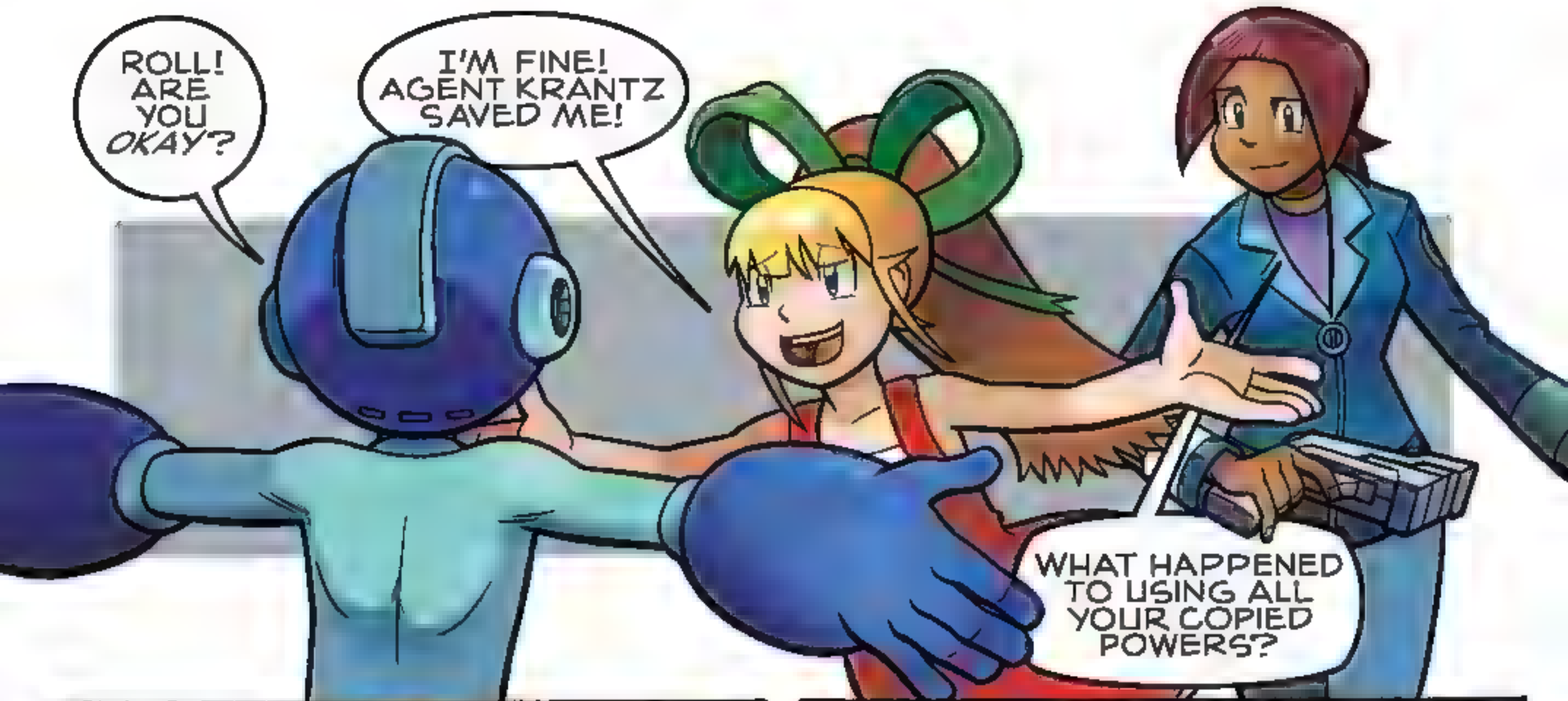


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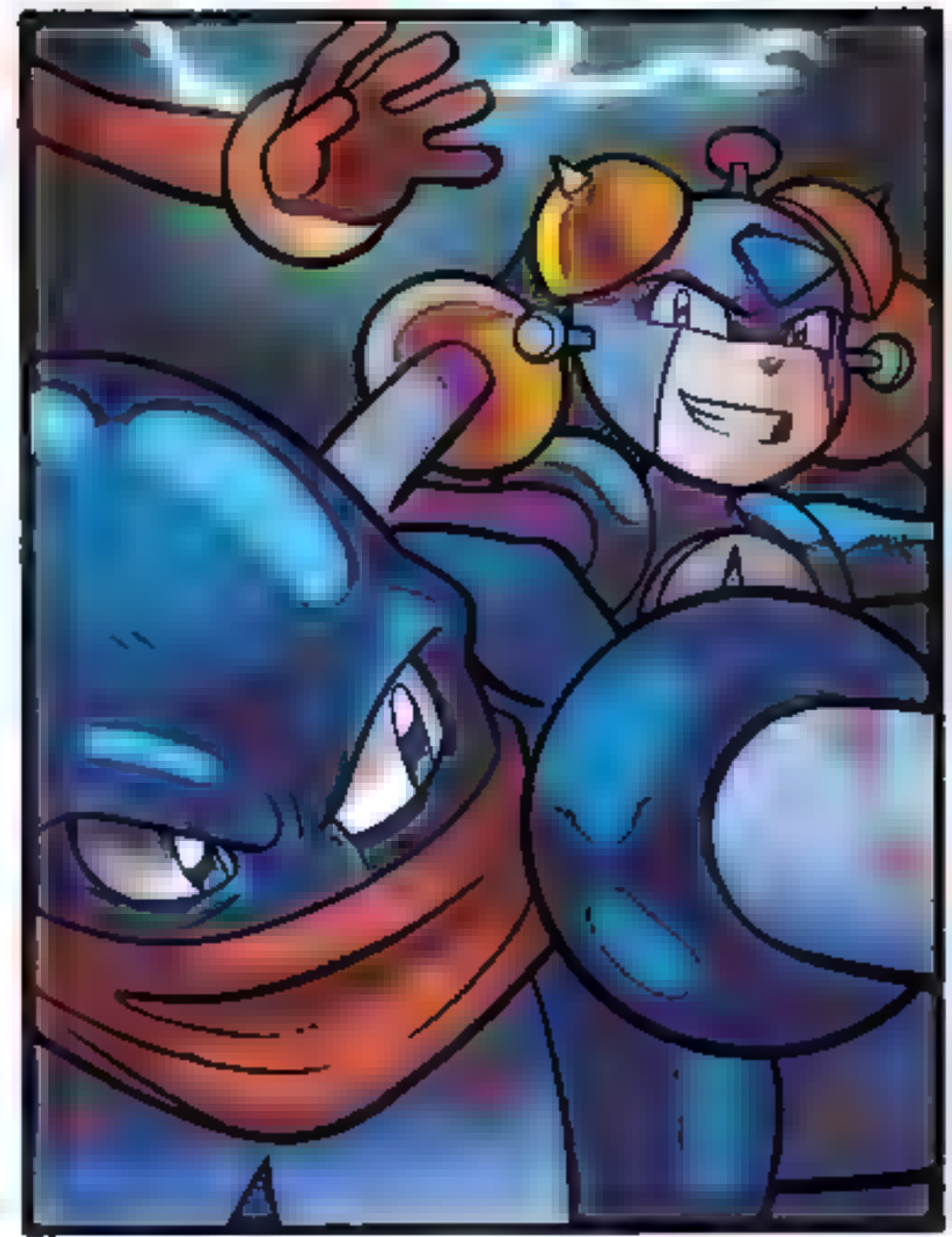
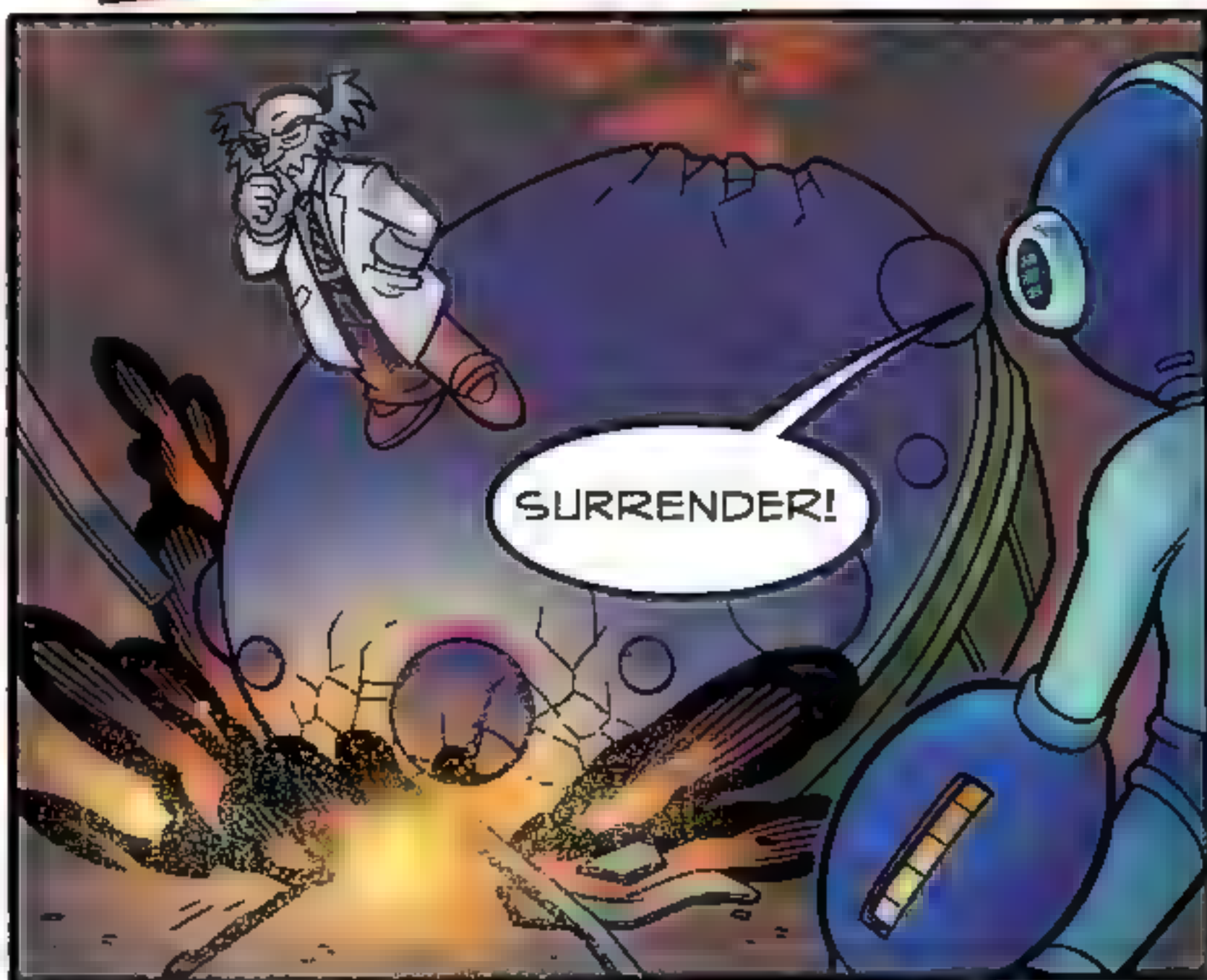
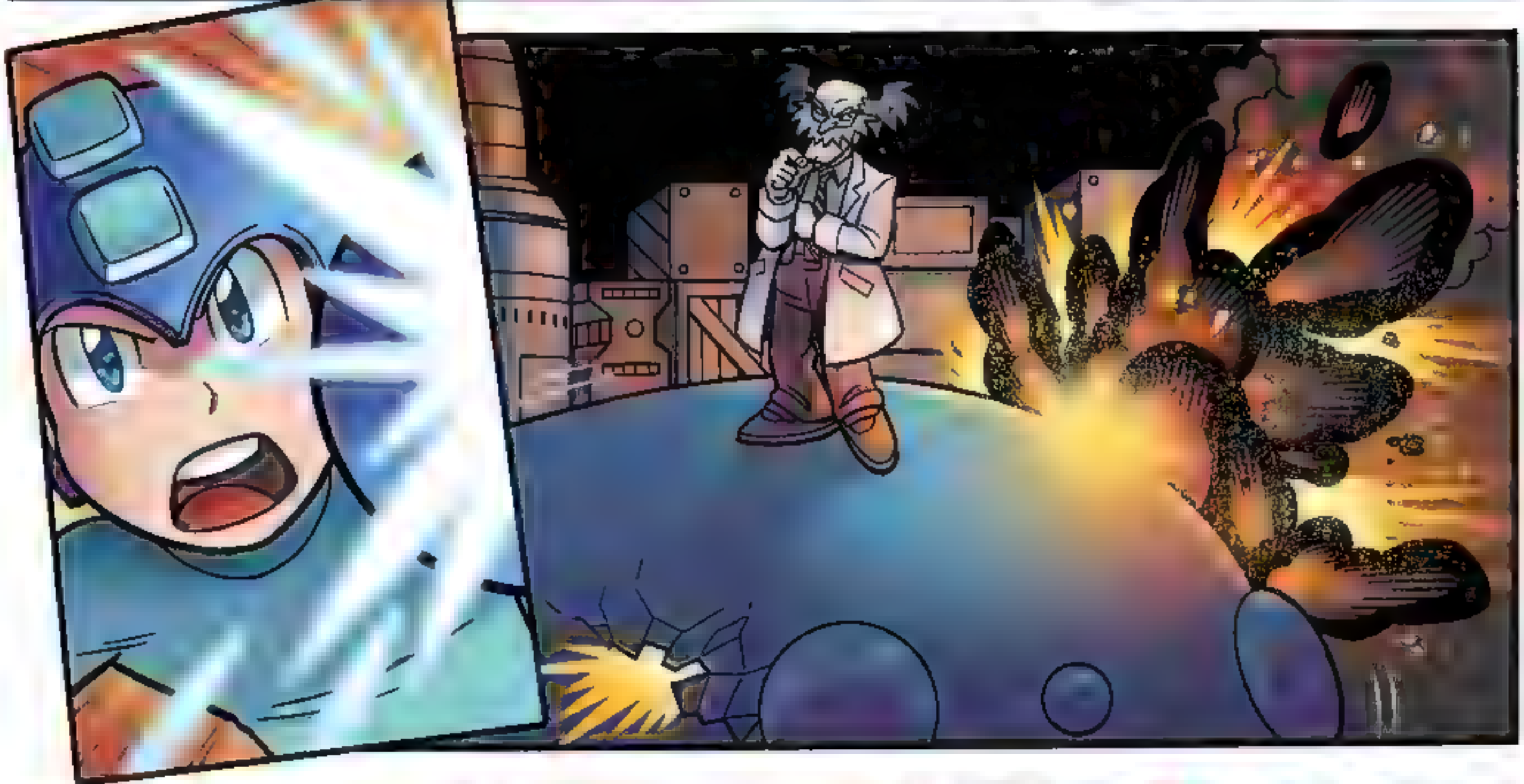


THAT'LL BE ENOUGH OF THAT, PARTNER!

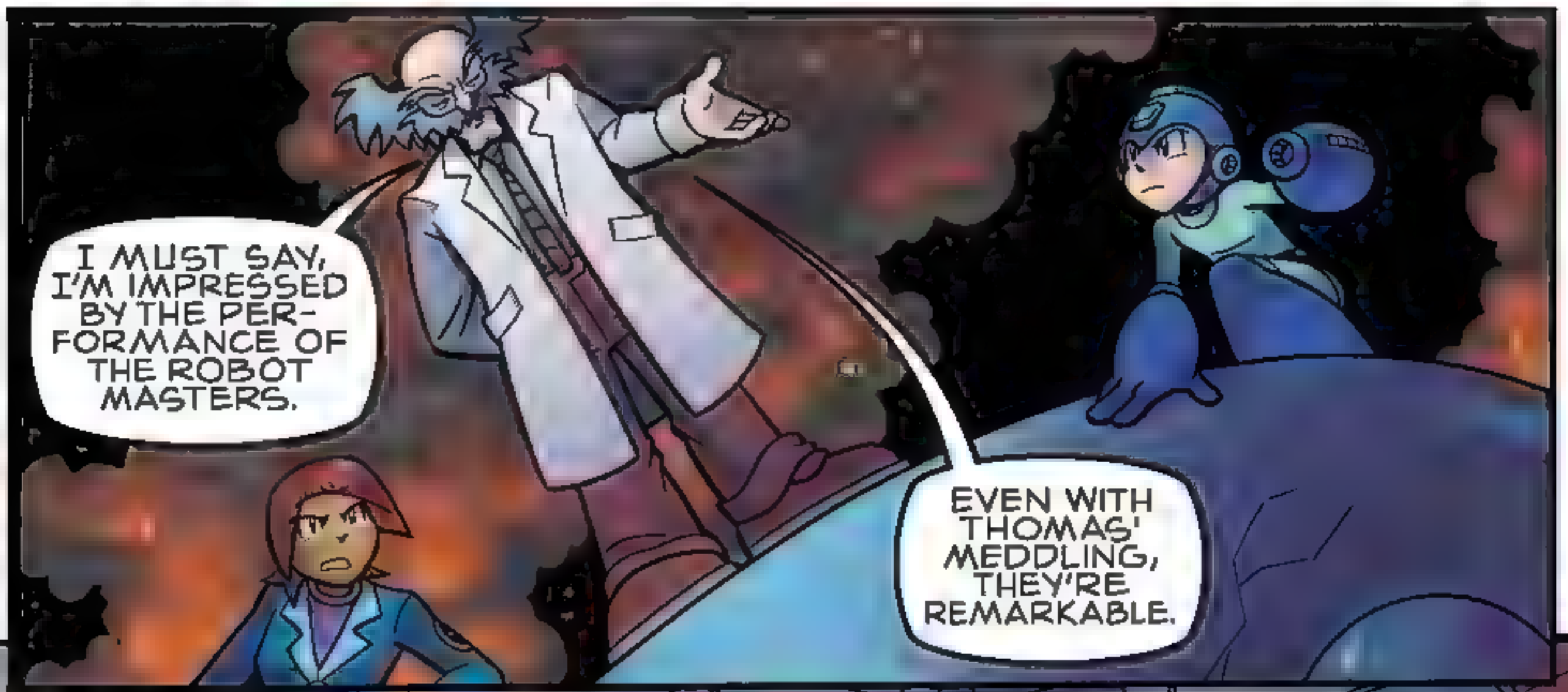












I MUST SAY, I'M IMPRESSED BY THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ROBOT MASTERS.

EVEN WITH THOMAS' MEDDLING, THEY'RE REMARKABLE.

SOME OF YOU ARE *ESPECIALLY* REMARKABLE.



THAT'S NICE, BUT YOU'RE STILL UNDER ARREST!

IT'S NO USE, MEGA MAN...

...IT'S A DECOY.

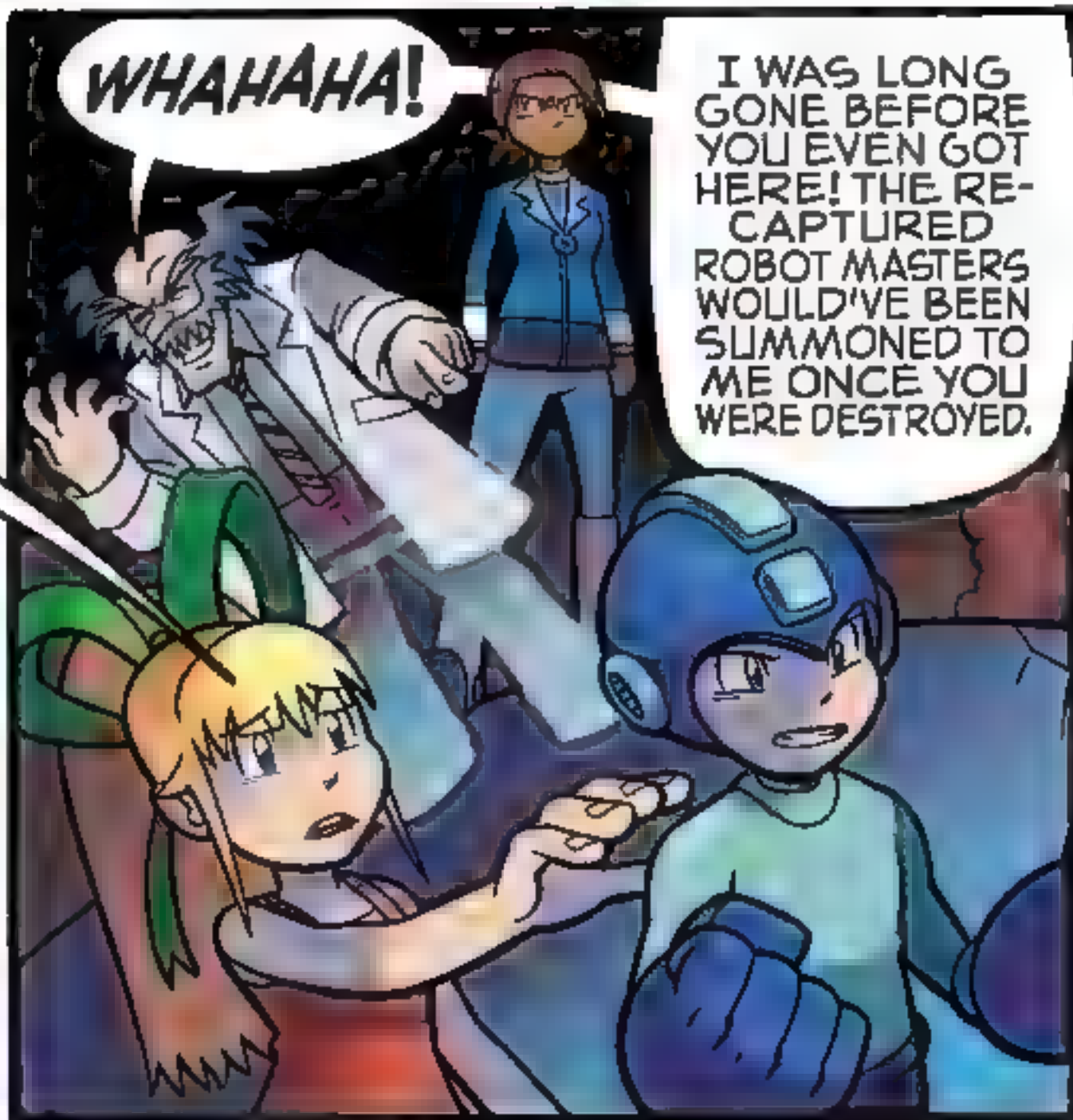
DON'T LOOK SO GLUM, AGENT. YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE FIGURED IT OUT. I *AM* A GENIUS, AFTER ALL.





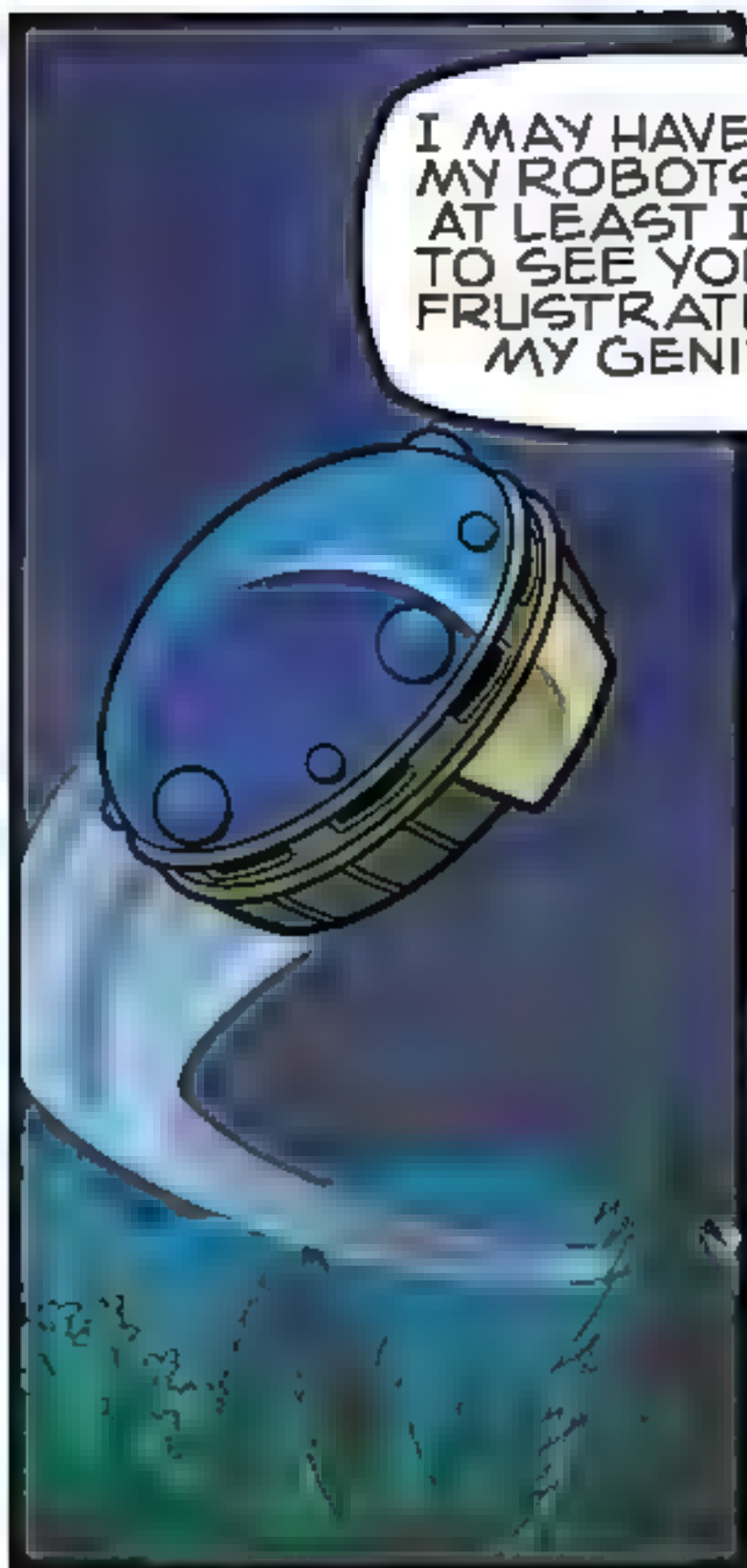
**HAHAHA!** YOU GOT THEM GOOD, BOSS! THAT SAUCER IS JUST A HOLOGRAM PROJECTOR WITH A TURRET! THERE AIN'T EVEN AN ENGINE IN IT!

I... I NEVER EVEN SAW HIM MAKE THE SWITCH...



**WHAHAHA!**

I WAS LONG GONE BEFORE YOU EVEN GOT HERE! THE RE-CAPTURED ROBOT MASTERS WOULD'VE BEEN SUMMONED TO ME ONCE YOU WERE DESTROYED.



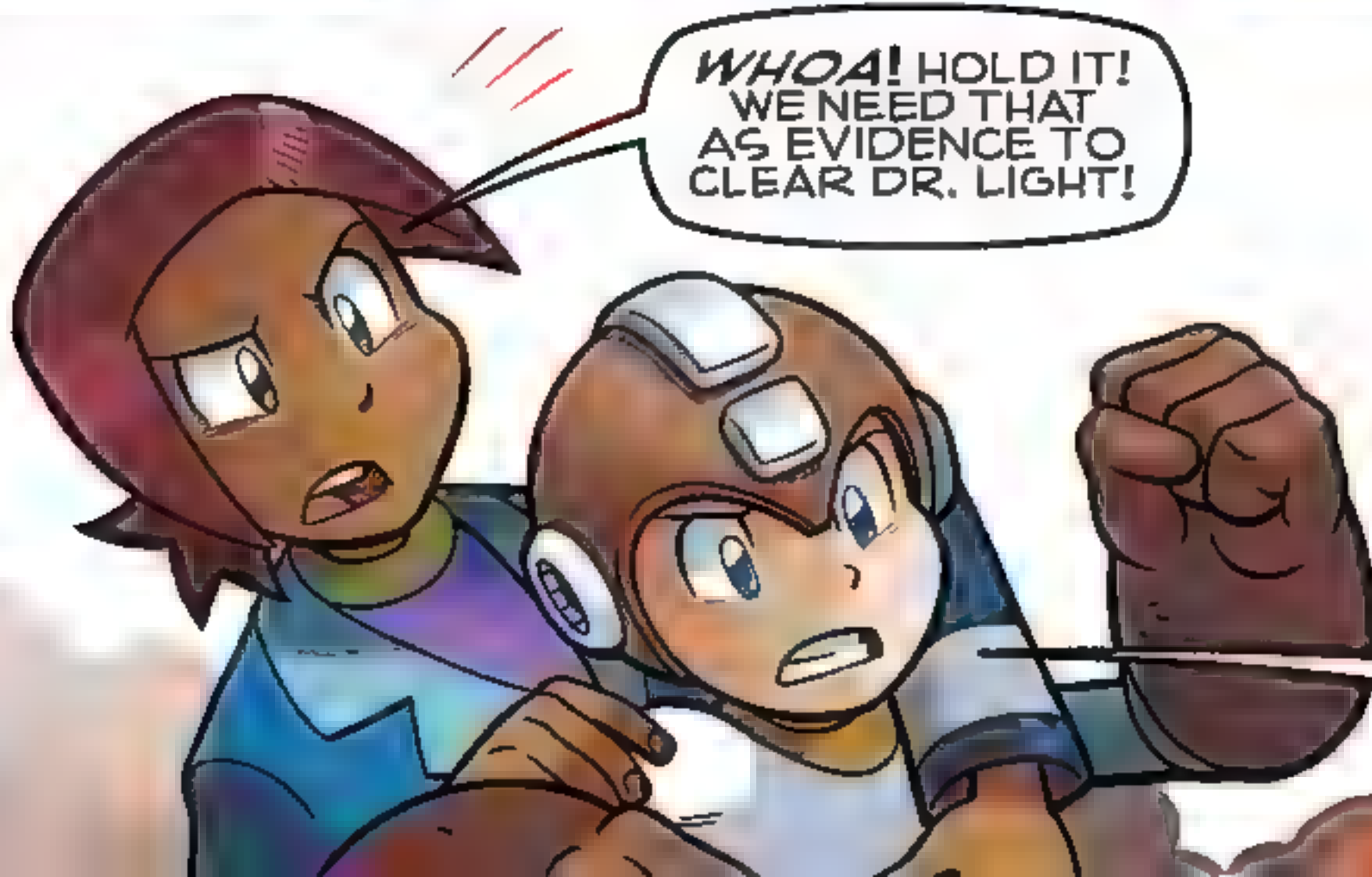
I MAY HAVE LOST MY ROBOTS, BUT AT LEAST I GET TO SEE YOU ALL FRUSTRATED BY MY GENIUS.



**HAHAHA!**



**HA HAH--RZK!**



**WHOA!** HOLD IT! WE NEED THAT AS EVIDENCE TO CLEAR DR. LIGHT!

...RIGHT. I'M SORRY.





BAH! LET WILY RUN AWAY LIKE THE COWARD HE IS! WE WON THE FIGHT!

YEAH. THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP BACK THERE.

YOU GUYS HAD IT UNDER CONTROL! YOU LOOKED REALLY COOL!



WELL, OF COURSE I DID!



WHAT-EVER, I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE SAFE, ROLL.

L/M... THANKS, ICE MAN. IT WAS NICE OF ALL OF YOU TO COME RESCUE ME.



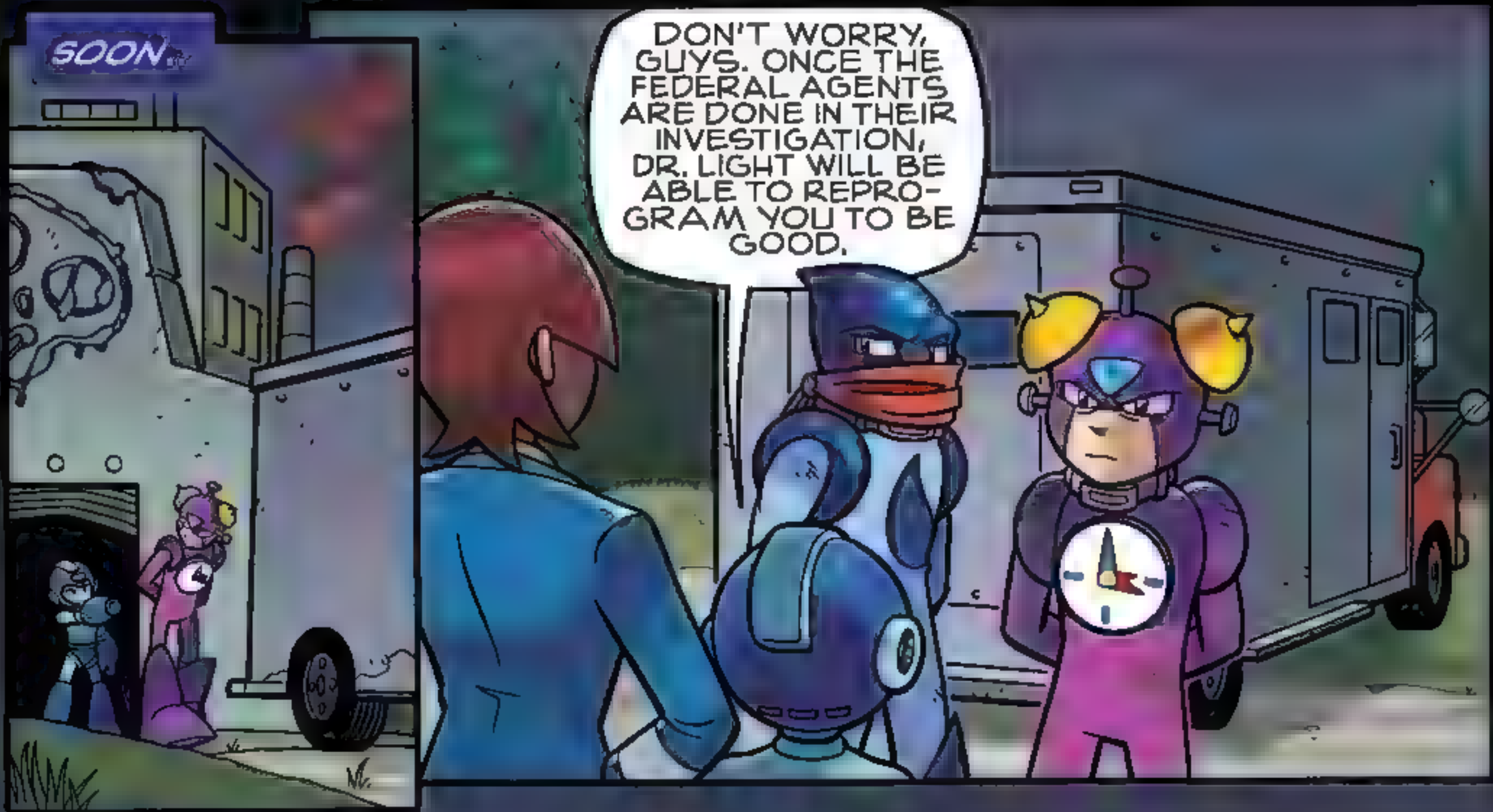
HEY GIL. YEAH IT'S OVER, THE HOSTAGE IS SAFE, BUT WE MISSED THE BIG FISH. BRING A BIG CLEAN-UP CREW WITH YOU AND SOME INHIBITOR COLLARS.

HEAR THAT? SHE'S THANKING ALL OF US.

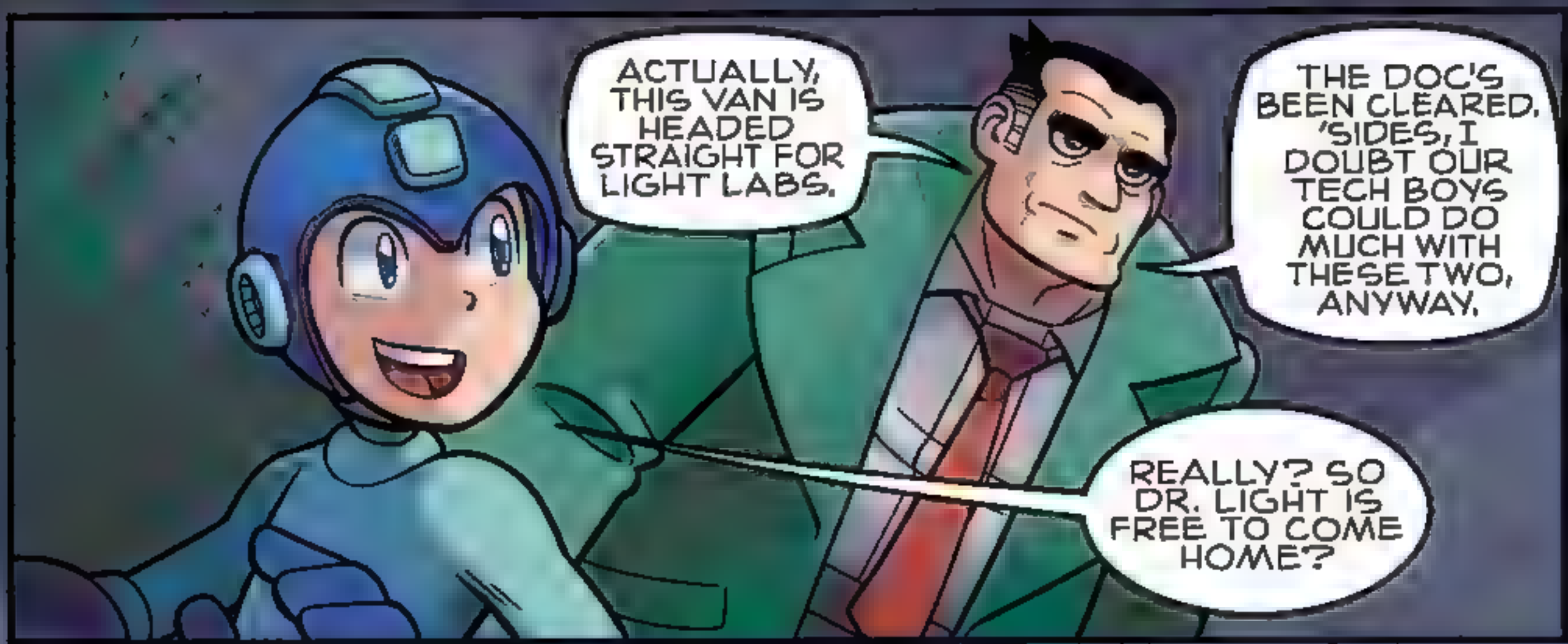
I HEARD HER! DON'T RUB IT IN!

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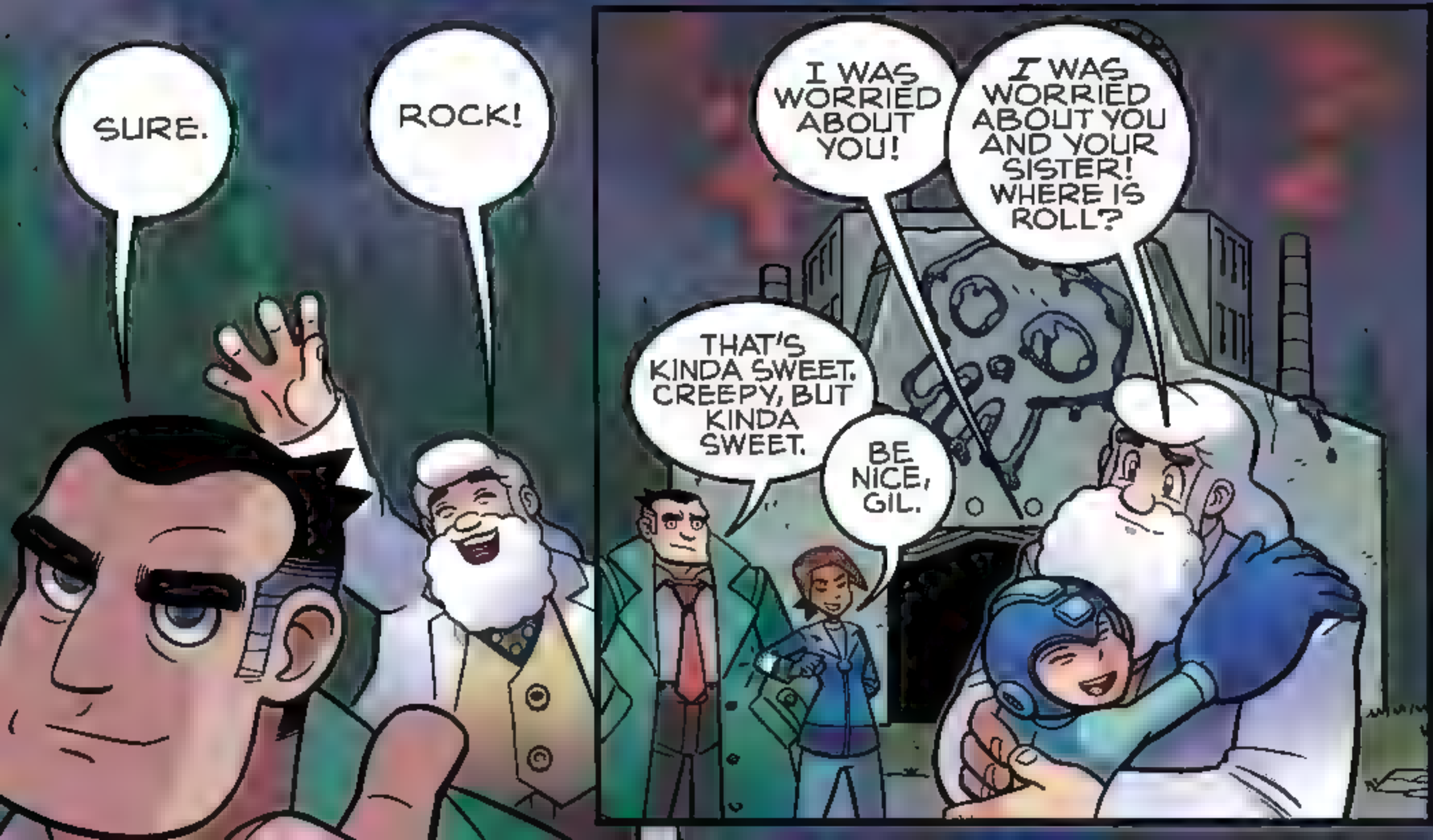
DON'T WORRY, GUYS. ONCE THE FEDERAL AGENTS ARE DONE IN THEIR INVESTIGATION, DR. LIGHT WILL BE ABLE TO REPROGRAM YOU TO BE GOOD.



ACTUALLY, THIS VAN IS HEADED STRAIGHT FOR LIGHT LABS.

THE DOC'S BEEN CLEARED. 'SIDES, I DOUBT OUR TECH BOYS COULD DO MUCH WITH THESE TWO, ANYWAY.

REALLY? SO DR. LIGHT IS FREE TO COME HOME?



SURE.

ROCK!

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU AND YOUR SISTER! WHERE IS ROLL?

THAT'S KINDA SWEET. CREEPY, BUT KINDA SWEET.

BE NICE, GIL.





SHE'S STILL INSIDE,  
HELPING THE AUTHORITIES  
ORGANIZE THE EVIDENCE.

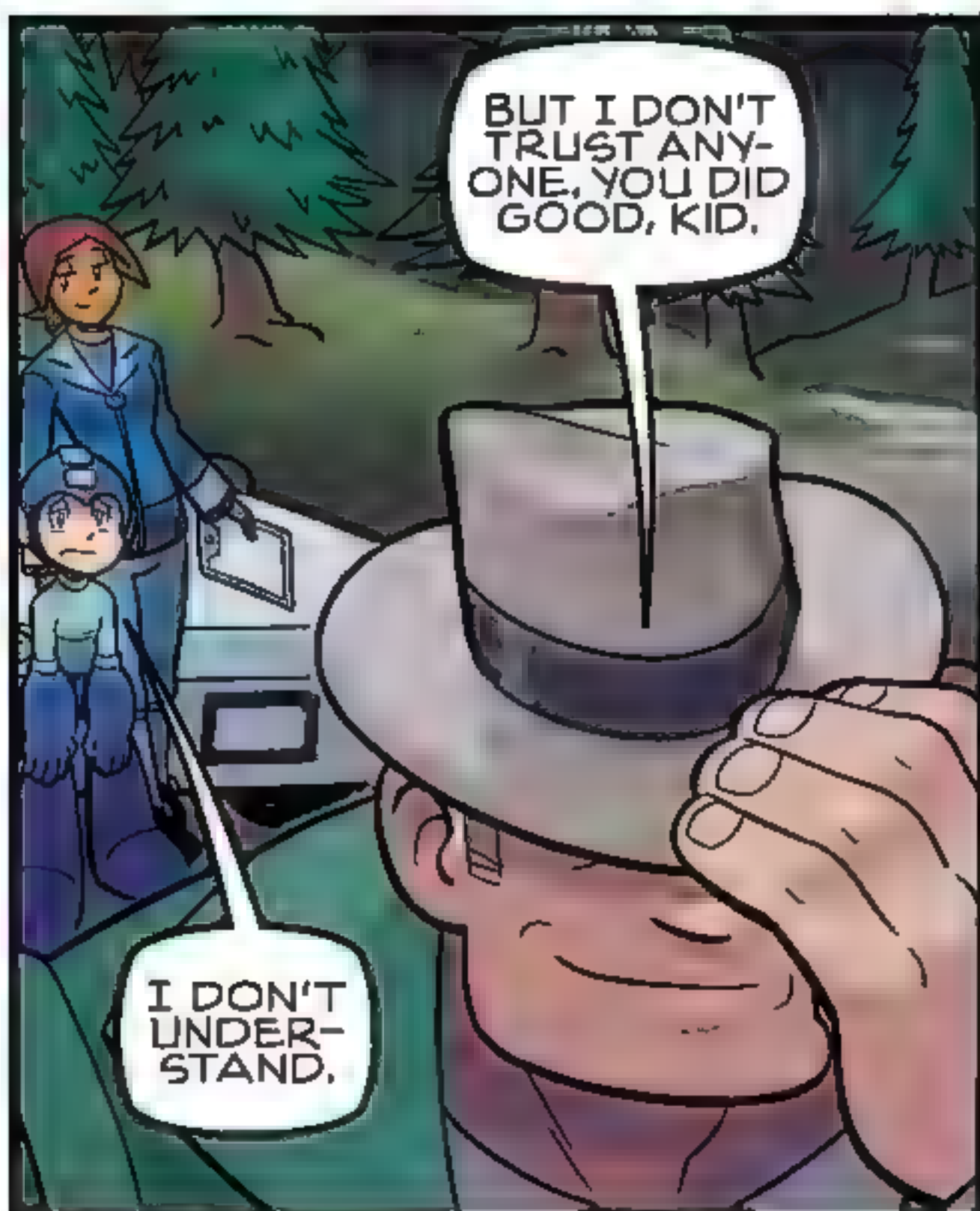
THAT'S  
MY  
GIRL!



SO, AGENT  
STERN...  
I GUESS  
YOU CAN  
TRUST  
ME AND  
DOCTOR  
LIGHT,  
HUH?



NO.



BUT I DON'T  
TRUST ANY-  
ONE, YOU DID  
GOOD, KID.

I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND.



TRUST ME, YOU JUST GOT  
HIGH PRAISE FROM THAT  
OLD FOGY. YOU PROVED  
YOURSELF TO BE A TRUE  
HERO TONIGHT, MEGA MAN.

THANKS  
FOR YOUR  
HELP.



LATER ON, AT LIGHT LABS...

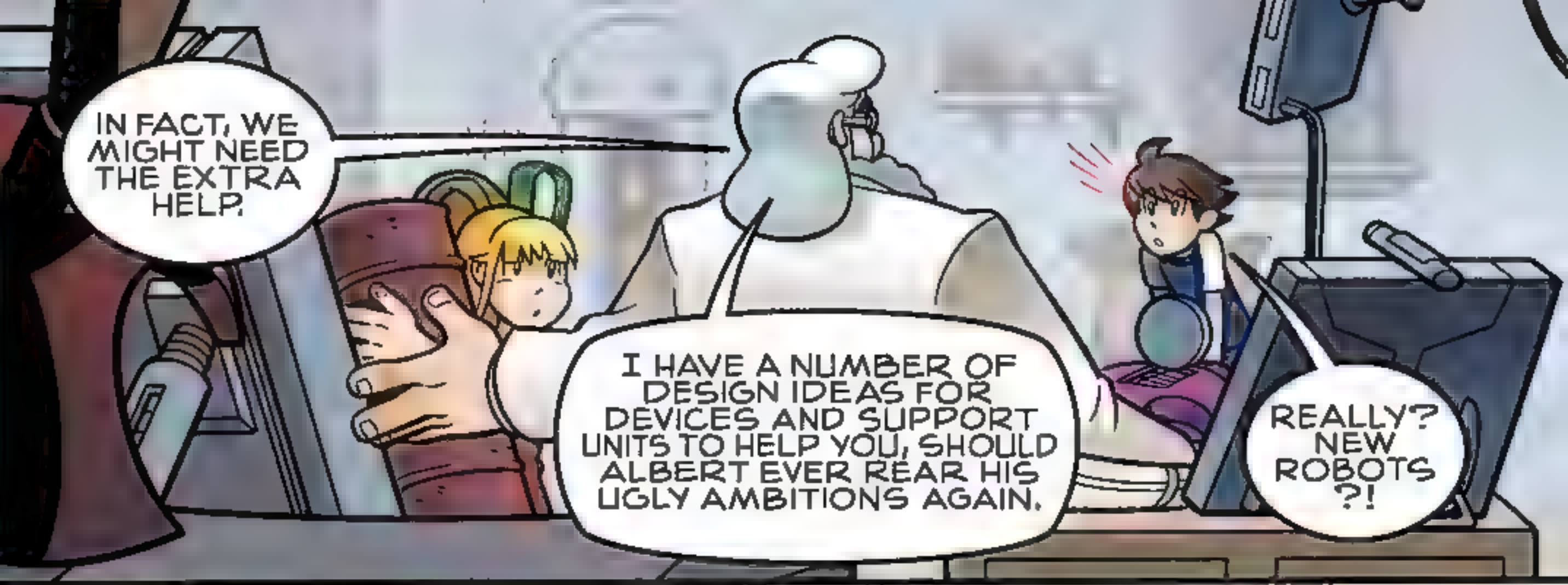
THIS IS MORE LIKE IT, I LIKE REPAIRING ROBOTS MORE THAN FIGHTING THEM!

IT'S REASSURING TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, BUT... UNFORTUNATELY... ALBERT IS STILL AT LARGE. YOU MAY HAVE TO DON YOUR BLUE ARMOR AGAIN ONE DAY.

I KNOW, AND I'LL FIGHT TO HELP EVERYONE. I HATE LEAVING YOU SHORT-HANDED AT THE LAB, THOUGH.

I CAN ALWAYS BUILD MORE HELPER ROBOTS. AND I'M SURE AUTO WOULDN'T MIND SPLITTING HIS TIME BETWEEN HERE AND THE SHOP.





IN FACT, WE MIGHT NEED THE EXTRA HELP.

I HAVE A NUMBER OF DESIGN IDEAS FOR DEVICES AND SUPPORT UNITS TO HELP YOU, SHOULD ALBERT EVER REAR HIS UGLY AMBITIONS AGAIN.

REALLY? NEW ROBOTS?!



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE US OBSOLETE, ARE YOU?

NEVER. YOU TWO ARE MY CHILDREN, AND NO OTHER CREATION COULD EVER BE MORE PRECIOUS TO ME.





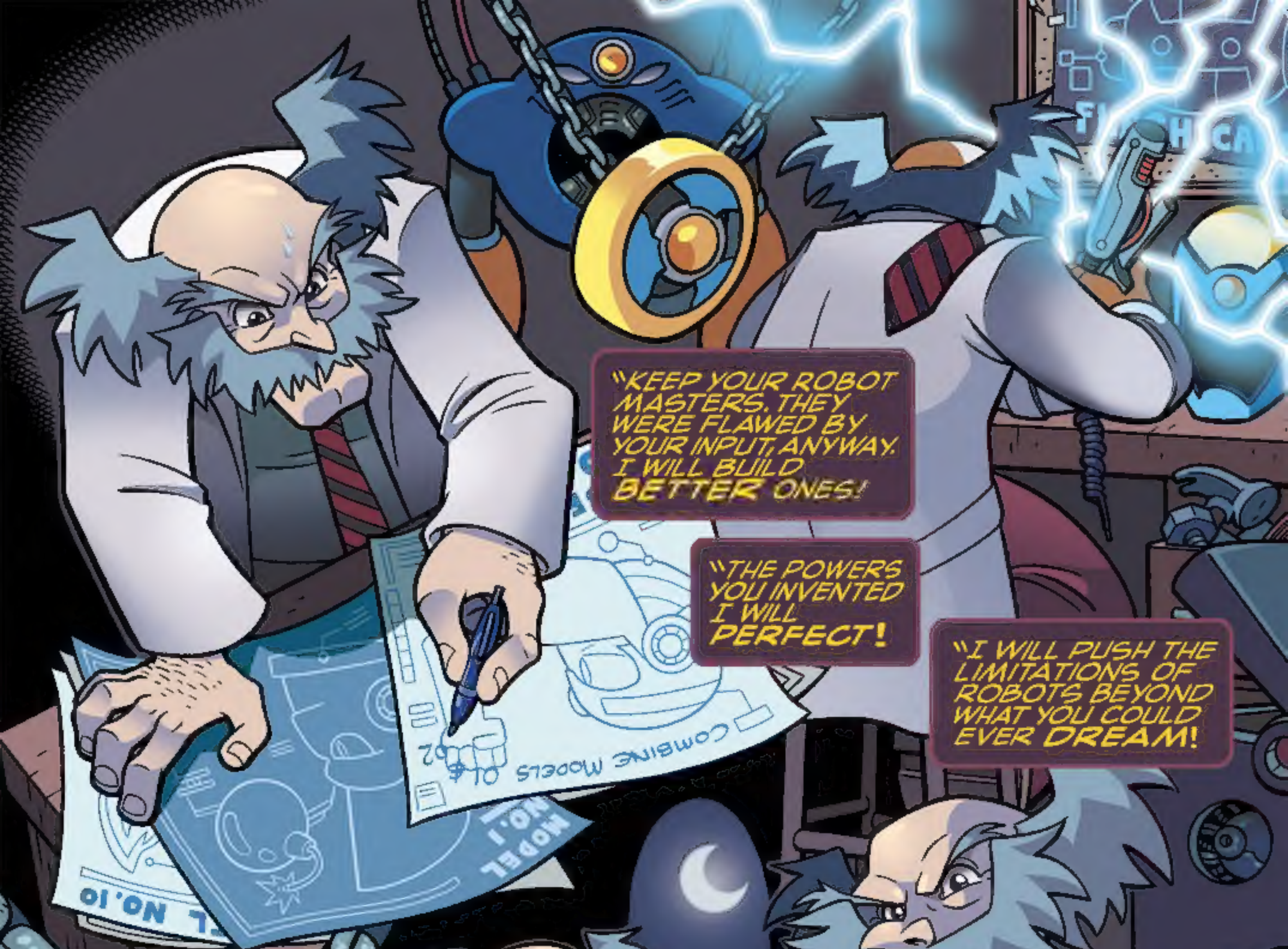
MEANWHILE...

GRR... WELL-PLAYED, THOMAS. YOU'VE YET AGAIN ROBBED ME OF MY GLORY.

I SHOULD'VE BEEN TOP OF OUR CLASS. I SHOULD'VE BEEN ON THAT STAGE, UNVEILING MY ROBOT MASTERS. I SHOULD HAVE THE WORLD IN THE PALM OF MY HAND...

...AND I SHOULD BE *RULING* IT FROM THIS CASTLE, NOT USING IT AS A HIDEOUT!

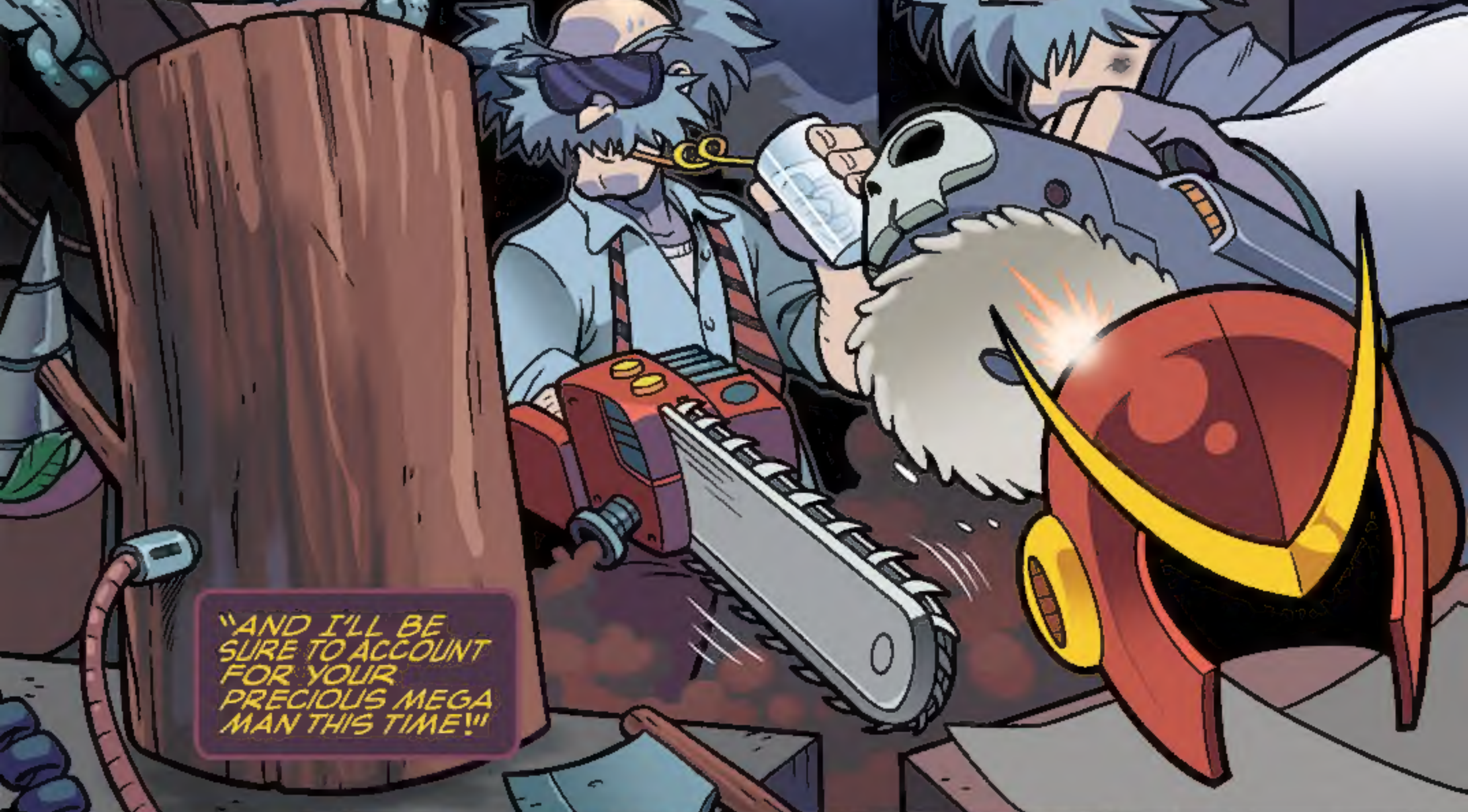





"KEEP YOUR ROBOT MASTERS, THEY WERE FLAWED BY YOUR INPUT, ANYWAY. I WILL BUILD BETTER ONES!"

"THE POWERS YOU INVENTED I WILL PERFECT!"

"I WILL PUSH THE LIMITATIONS OF ROBOTS BEYOND WHAT YOU COULD EVER DREAM!"



"AND I'LL BE SURE TO ACCOUNT FOR YOUR PRECIOUS MEGA MAN THIS TIME!"



IT'S TIME TO SEE WHO THE *REAL* GENIUS IS, THOMAS...





...AND  
PUT OUR  
ROBOT  
MASTERS  
TO THE  
TEST!

THE NEXT GENERATION  
OF SINISTER ROBOTS  
IS ON THE WAY!

**DR. WILY**  
**RETURNS**

**NEXT  
MONTH:**

**Part  
ONE**



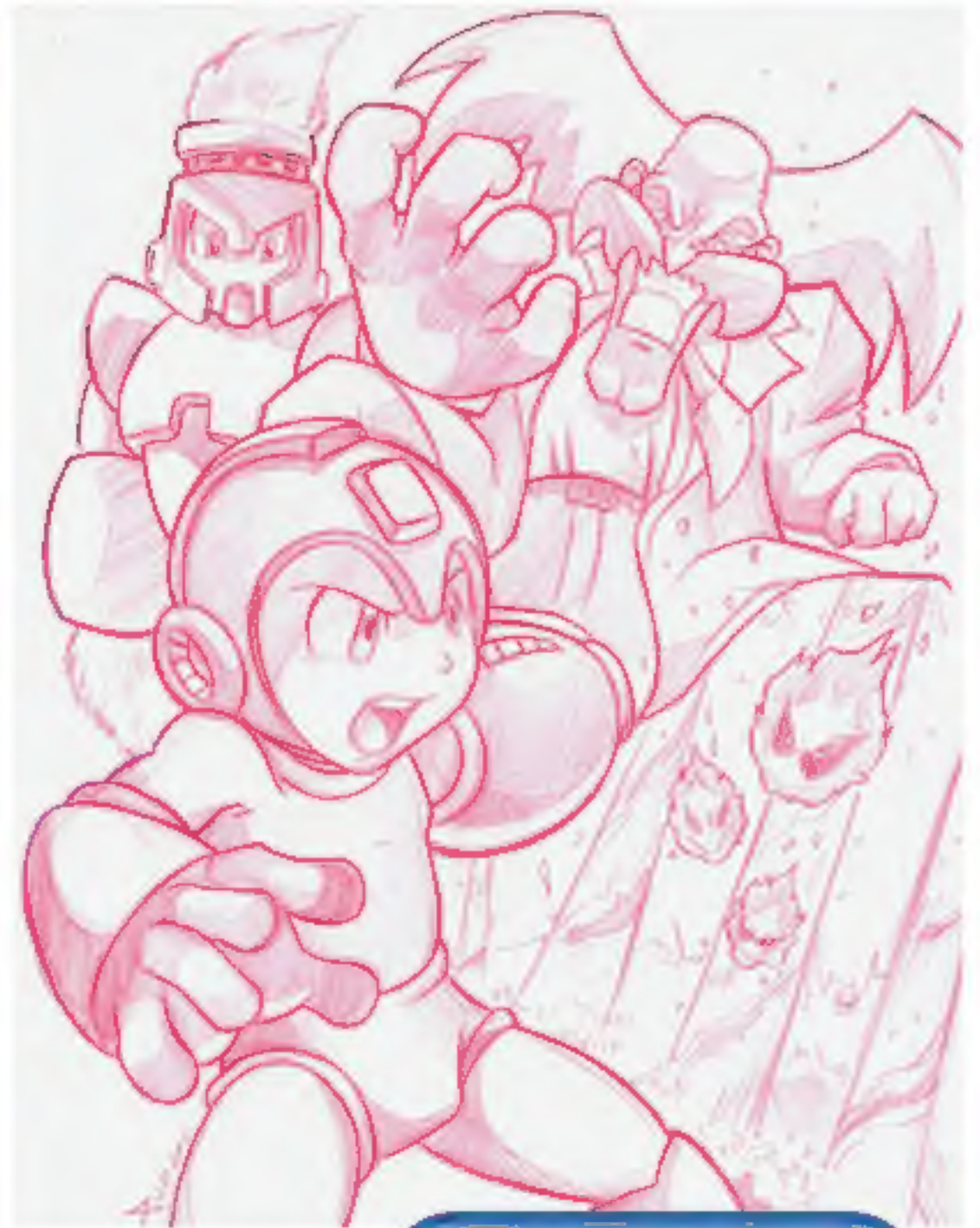
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